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SUBJECT: FOOD SHIPMENTS TO NIGER

1. OSRO HAS DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER PROBLEM GETTING FOOD SUPPLIES FROM NIGERIAN PORTS TO NIGER. MESSAGE RECEIVED TODAY INDICATES SHORTAGE RAIL CAPACITY AT APAPA. DURING LAST MONTH ONLY 1100 TONS EVACUATED. UNLESS SPECIAL MEASURES TAKEN REMOTE AREAS SUPPLY WILL BE JEOPARDIZED (OSRO PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT SUPPLIES FOR CONVOY OPERATION) AND PORT CONGESTION LIKELY. QUOTE CONSEQUENTLY WE ASK YOU AUTHORIZE IMMEDIATELY YOUR FORWARDING AGENTS OPTION TO UTILIZE DIRECT LORRIES FROM PORTS TO DESTINATIONS SUCH AS ZINDER, NARADI, TESSAOUA, MADAOUA, MAINE, SOROA, TANOUT, AGADES, ETC. ALMOST CERTAIN THAT PORT AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONSTRAINED TO REQUEST THAT PORT WAREHOUSES BE EMPTIED TO PERMIT DISCHARGE OF SHIPS ABOUT TO ARRIVE APAPA.

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